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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Rachel F. Gorr

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters; prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-7,9-11,13,14,16-23 and 28-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,6,7,9-11,13,14,16-23,28-31 and 33-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 32 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 9-11, 13, 14, 16-23, 28-31 and 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Abend in view of Boutillier.

3. Abend discloses reactive hotmelt adhesives comprising surface deactivated polyisocyanate (col. 3, lines 39-43), solid isocyanate reactive polymers (see examples), and he shows, in the method of Figure 1, making a homogeneous mixture. In col. 10, line 4, he teaches that the adhesive can be made as a free film. The examples show the amounts of the components specified by the claims. At the bottom of col. 4, he shows the same polyisocyanates. He discloses catalysts and adhesive additives (bottom col. 6). In example 1, he shows curing within 10 minutes, and at the bottom of col. 12, he shows further curing for seven days at room temperature. He differs from the claims by not showing a non-isocyanate reactive polymer, wax or resin.

4. Boutillier teaches that tackifying resins impart improved bonding power to reactive hotmelt polyurethane adhesives (bottom col. 3-top col. 4). He discloses terpene resins (col. 4, line 13).

5. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the tackifier of Boutillier in Abend's adhesive because Abend teaches using adhesive additives and Boutillier shows better bonding with the inclusion of tackifying resins in polyurethane reactive hotmelt adhesives.

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6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 9-11, 14, 16-18, 20-23, 28-31 and 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Vanhaeren.

Vanhaeren discloses film reactive hotmelt adhesives comprising isocyanate reactive polyols, non-isocyanate reactive polymers and blocked polyisocyanates in the amounts of the claims (see examples-page 21). In the examples of page 20, he shows film thickness and cure times of less than 10 minutes.

8. Claims 5 and 32 are objected to for depending on rejected claims.

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

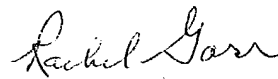
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rachel F. Gorr whose telephone number is 571-272-1072. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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April 2, 2004


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